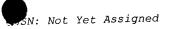
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C., 20231, on: PATENT Docket No. 0225-0033.20 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE IN RE APPLICATION OF: Unknown EXAMINER: Singh, et al. Unknown ART UNIT: SERIAL No.: Not Yet Assigned FILED: Filed Herewith FOR: SETS OF OLIGONUCLEOTIDE-BINDING E-TAG PROBES Information Disclosure Statement Within Three Months of Application Filing or Before First Action - 37 CFR 1.97(b) Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 Sir: Timing of Submission 1. This information disclosure is being filed within three months of the filing date of this application or date of entry into the national stage of an international application or before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits, whichever The references listed on the occurs last [37 CFR 1.97(b)]. enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) may be material to the examination of this application; the Examiner is requested to make them of record in the application. Cited Information 2. Copies of the following references are enclosed: All cited references References marked by asterisks \Box The following: Copies of the following references can be found in parent \boxtimes application Ser. No. 09/698,846: All cited references References marked by asterisks The following: \Box



3. Effect of Information Disclosure Statement (37 CFR 1.97(h)

This Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that: (i) a search has been made; (ii) additional information material to the examination of this application does not exist; (iii) the information, protocols, results and the like reported by third parties are accurate or enabling; or (iv) the above information constitutes prior art to the subject invention.

4. Fee Payment

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